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to Virginians as nearly all of the actors in the events described were Virginians, and as the country from Pittsburg to the Kanawha was then within the jurisdiction of this State.

The notes as usual are of great value; but as was the case with the preceeding volume, show sometimes a curious dislike to credit Virginia when credit is properly due. For instance on p. 2, it is stated that Fort Pitt was garrisoned by British troops until 1772, then held by Virginians until the end of Dunmore's War and afterwards was occupied by American troops under Col. John Neville. Virginians are Americans; but the word American as used in this Note in contrast with British and Virginian can only have one meaning—troops directly under control of the American Congress. This will no doubt be the idea conveyed to any reader who is not informed.

One must feel that the Editors have been somewhat loose in the use of words when it is known that John Neville was sent to Pittsburg (Fort Duquesne or Pitt) by the Virginian Convention on August 7, 1775 with a company of Virginia troops "the said company to be in the pay, of this Colony from the time of their marching."

Again on p. 5, it is stated that Fort Randolph at the mouth of Great Kanawha was occupied by a company of Virginia Militia under Captain Matthew Arbuckle and one from Pennsylvania under Captain John Robinson, when the very reference the editors give (p 230 of the preceding volume) is an order of the Executive Council of Virginia (Feb. 12, 1777) that a company be raised to garrison Fort Randolph under Captain John Robinson. His company was raised by Virginia's order and he had his commission from the same state.

One or two other Notes may be referred to. On p. 176 it is stated that the origin of the name Staunton is unknown. There can be little doubt that the town was named after Rebecca Staunton wife of Governor Gooch. General Weedon (p.214) died according to Heitman in November 1793.

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